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REMARKS

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1. Between 7 and 15 April 1954, Camp Zeithain quartered an estimated 600 to 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including 50 percent with artillery insignia and 50 percent with tank insignia. At about 11 a.m. on 7 April, T-34/85 [ ] was entrained at Roederau railroad station. From 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily between 8 and 10 April, artillery firing was heard from the direction of the troop training grounds. At about 1 p.m. on 12 April, T-34/85 tanks [ ] arrived at the training grounds, presumably from the direction of Meissen. At about 10 a.m. on 13 April, T-34/85 tanks [ ] and JS-2 tanks [ ] were loaded at Roederau railroad station, presumably for shipment toward Falkenberg. At about 1 p.m. on 14 April, BA-64 [ ] half-track armored personnel carriers [ ] and M-3 armored personnel carrier [ ] left the training grounds toward Oschatz. From 1 to 6 p.m. daily between 12 and 15 April, heavy gun fire was heard from the training grounds.

2. The following motor vehicles were identified in traffic to and from Camp Zeithain:

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3. At about 3 p.m. on 7 April, a troop train of 1 boxcar with about 10 to 15 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 3 SS-type flatcars with T-34/85 tanks [ ] was en route toward Dresden from the direction of Riesa.

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[ ] Comment. Report refers to the usual training activity of the 9th Tank Div. A large-scale exercise terminated on 6 April.

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